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SUBJECT: HIZBALLAH DESIGNATION NON-PAPER: AUSTRIAN RESPONSE

REF: A) STATE 44347 B) VIENNA 607

Classified By: ECONOMIC-POLITICAL COUNSELOR GREGORY E. PHILLIPS  
FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

(C) Embassy Vienna delivered ref (a) non-paper to MFA  
A/S-equivalent for Internal Security and Counterterrorism  
Johann Froehlich on March 14. We followed up later the same  
day with Thomas Hajnoczi, head of the Bureau for  
Political-Military Affairs and Common Foreign and Security  
Policy. The GoA had previously given assurances, per ref  
(b), that Austria supported EU designation of Hizballah (in  
its entirety) as a terrorist organization. Hajnoczi and  
Froehlich undertook to convey our concerns to Austria's  
Clearinghouse representative in time for the March 16 meeting.  
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